



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

HERBERT SWOOPE



Religious Liberty

“It is in accordance with their dignity that all men, because they are persons, that is, beings endowed with intelligence and therefore personal responsibility, are both impelled by their nature and bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to the truth once they come to know it and direct their whole lives in accordance with the demands of truth. But men cannot satisfy this obligation in a way that is in keeping with their own nature unless they enjoy both psychological freedom and immunity from external coercion. Therefore the right to religious freedom has its foundation not in the subjective attitude of the individual but in his very nature.”

The Knights of Columbus promotes a robust vision of religious liberty that embraces religion’s proper role in both its private and public dimensions. As both Catholics and Americans, we celebrate the essential relationship shared between religion and liberty, a relationship which has uniquely defined our country’s identity and has fostered our country’s development.

Every major achievement that has taken place within the American enterprise—the American Revolution; the abolition of slavery; the civil rights movement; reforms in education, labor and woman’s rights—has been at the urging of religious people seeking a more just and humane society.

In this light, the Knights of Columbus recognizes religious liberty as an indispensable condition for authentic human development.

Consistent with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we believe that man, created in the image and likeness of God, possesses the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being, especially in moral and religious matters. Our Order remains steadfast in its conviction that religious liberty “is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person.” (Catechism, 1738).

We are therefore called to defend religious liberty against cultural trends that are increasingly hostile to Christianity, and impede men and women from freely exercising their religion by living in accordance with it. As the Second Vatican Council noted, although we must respect the just autonomy of the secular sphere, we must take into consideration the truth that there is no realm of worldly affairs that can be separated from God.

St. John Paul II witnessed that when a society attempts to close the door to religion, it inevitably falls prey to a totalitarian reading of the human person that recognizes only the state as the ultimate arbiter of right and wrong. It is our duty as men of both Catholic faith and patriotism to resist militant secularism and to defend religious liberty at the international, national, state, and local levels. Without this necessary check on the power of the state, no principled limit can be recognized to prevent the expansion of government’s power at the expense of personal liberty.



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We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies..

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products..



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NATIVITY MINISTRY FAIR AND MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

Nativity is hosting a Ministry Fair on Sunday October 19th after ALL Masses. The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 6724 will have a table at the Ministry Fair. We need Knights to man the table. Please let us know if you have the time to stop by after a Mass or 2 on Sunday and talk to prospective Knights, Inactive Knights and Knights from other Councils that have moved to Nativity about the virtues of the Mother Seton Council and the Knights of Columbus.

We have not done a recruitment drive in a long time and this is an opportunity to grow our membership and Council. Remember to do the good works we do we need a large active membership. Please advise if you can stop by and work the table! We need you!

Please join your Brothers from the Mother Seton Council for our annual Membership Recruiting Blitz!

This is an all hands on deck event, so please do your best to come to the Social Hall on Sunday 10/19 and help our council increase the ranks of our brotherhood.

Remember to wear your Knights shirt if you have one.

If you are an active and involved Knight, if you know about what the Council has done or is doing or if you can tell the virtues of the Knights of Columbus, please come out to our table at the Ministry Fair work a shift and talk to the Parishioners. We need you!

If you have been away for a while, been inactive, disenfranchised, were never asked to do something, have drifted away or feel you just do not have the time, please stop by our table and talk to one of our officers. Times have changed, leadership and approaches have changed, and directions have changed. There is a spot for you. Even if you can just give the Knights an hour or two a year, volunteer for one event, be a part of one committee we have something for you to do! With a Council of almost 300 Brothers, if we could each give the Knights 4 hours of service time, that would be over 1200 man hours! Think of all the good we could do! We need you!

If you know someone who is not a member, or is a Knight who is not active or has moved recently to Nativity, please bring them by the table. We would love to talk with them about the benefits of being a Knight and the works of Mother Seton!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat is a safe alternative to trick or treating in neighborhoods. It involves decorating automobile trunks, grouped in one area with candy and treats for kids.

There will be Candy, hot dogs, games and more, and it is all Free!

This is sponsored by the Women's Guild at Nativity, but the Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 6724 are encouraged to participate!

Please decorate your trunk in a fun Halloween theme, and bring some candy to pass



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2014 SOCCER CHALLENGE COUNCIL CHAMPIONS



2014 MSC Soccer Challenge where Boys and Girls ages 9-14 were able to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill, that of the Penalty Kick. A steady downpour of rain kept most competitors away, but 5 were able to compete in the Council Championship, with 4 Council Champions (unfortunately we had two 9 year old boys, and only one could win.

The 2014 Mother Seton Council Soccer Challenge Champions

Adrian McNeil age 9

Harley Miller age 10

Abigail McManus age 11

Maria Abreu age 13

The Council Champions will go on to St. Stephen's to compete for the District Championship on Monday September 29, 2014. Good Luck Mother Seton Champions! Represent us well!

HELP WANTED: RECORDER, DIRECTORS AND CO-DIRECTORS

We still have an opening for an Officer Position, that of the Recorder. This is a vital position in the Council (and relatively easy). Chris and Dean have developed a template over the last 2 years that makes taking the minutes easy. Please consider this very important position and contact DGK Chris McManus (a former recorder) if you have any questions about what this job entails.



Prayer For the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviates our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grants us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

Bob Yelton

Charlie Homs of the St. Francis Council

Ed Kochik

Gene Bilso

Irma Barrett

Joan Miller

Darlene Westbrook

Jerry Westbrook

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NOVEMBERFEST

NOVEMBERFEST 20 / 24

Tom Rusher - Chairperson (813) 500-9707

Novemberfest is Nativity Catholic Church's largest fundraiser that supports the education of children attending Nativity Catholic School and Religious Education Programs. It is an annual FAMILY EVENT which attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year? Nativity is proud to host the 3 rd. largest social event in Hillsborough County (just behind The Florida State Fair and Strawberry Festival). This family friendly community event is staffed by parent, church and school volunteers.

This event constitutes over 9,000 volunteer hours.



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FIRST DEGREE TEAM IS SEEKING MEMBERS!

As you may have read or heard, the District Deputy pulled our Certification for our First Degree Team. As it stands right now, we are unable to hold a First Degree at Nativity. This is obviously a disadvantage to our Council not being able to hold a Degree at our campus for new members, or having the ability to schedule one as needed (like after our membership blitz).

What can you do about it? We are forming a new Degree Team and hope to be certified soon. But to do this we need Degree Team Members. There are many roles on the degree team, from the main players such as the Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight that have large speaking roles, to medium roles with smaller speaking parts like the Financial Secretary, one or two liners like the inside guard, to non-speaking roles such as the Wardens' Aides and the Music Man. Basically a role for you, no matter what your talent or experience. The Degree team is not a huge time commitment (we are usually scheduled for a degree every other month (so only six a year!) and an occasional special degree secession on an off month as needed (very rarely), plus the occasion practice.

Ideally we would like to have a main player for each role and a backup. If you have any interest at all for any of the roles please reach out to Chris McManus or Herb Swoope. Remember, the future of our Council's membership may depend on your participation!



UPCOMING THIRD AND FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

There are upcoming Third and Fourth Degree Exemplifications. If you are a Second or Third Degree Knight, it is possible to make your Fourth Degree this Year! The Third Degree is Saturday 11/15 in Tampa and the Fourth degree is Saturday 11/29 in Orlando (this is the Big One!) Contact Chris or Herb for more information to complete you Knighthood journey!

Shopper's Paradise: Christmas Shopping at its Best!

We will be selling our Christmas Cards, Magnets, Shirts, pins, Plus other items donated by the Council including Noel's prized local Honey!!

We are looking for Knights to donate items for the Council to sell as well as Volunteers to work the event. This is a nice little fundraiser for the Council and we hope you can participate. Please bring items to November 3rd Business Meeting or contact Herb or Chris to make arrangements!

CALENDAR

NOV. 2 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED BUILDING

NOV.8 SHOPPERS PARADIS 9-3 OUTSIDE TENT AREA

NOV. 11 COLOR CORP VA HOPITAL

NOV 14 Assembly 1850 Business Meeting 7:30 pm

NOV. 15 3RD DEGREE 2ND: DEGREE ST. STEVEN 8:00 AM

NOV 18 OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM ADULT ED

NOV. 20 -24Novemberfest

NOV. 29 EXEMPTION ORLANDO

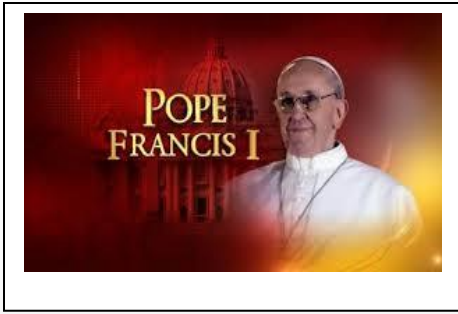
NOV30 COLOR CORP FOR ALTER GUILT

DEC. 1 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED

DEC. 6 VA CHRISTMAS PARTY, COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY



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Prayers for Pope Francis

> Please, pray for the health and protection of our Pope Francis.... just a simple Hail Mary (read below). Especially now that ISIS has targeted the Vatican and plans to assassinate the Pope! Please read all below and forward to friends... the goal is ten million Hail Mary's for our dear Pope!!>

> POPE FRANCIS MAKES A REQUEST >

> Weep not for what you have lost, fight for what you have.

> Weep not for what is dead, fight for what was born in you.

> Weep not for the one who abandoned you, fight for who is with you.

> Weep not for those who hate you, fight for those who want you.

> Weep not for your past, fight for your present struggle.

> Weep not for your suffering, fight for your happiness.

> With things that are happening to us, we begin to learn that nothing is impossible to solve, just move forward. >

> THE HOLY FATHER MAKES A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS THAT GOD PROTECTS HIM AND GIVES HIM FORCES TO MEET THIS DIFFICULT TASK ... SO BE IT!! >

Our goal is to reach ten million Hail Mary's for Pope Francis.

> This campaign started today. Send this message to all Catholic friends or even to those who like him

> We pray for the Holy Father that the heavenly Mother intercedes for him and protects him in his ministry: >

> Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Service Program Awards

The State and International Service Program Awards competitions annually recognize the best programs conducted by local councils in the areas of Church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth activities. The international winners are selected from the winning entries submitted by each jurisdiction.

Your council's Service Program activities should be a source of pride for you and your fellow Knights. Each year state councils honor the best program or activity in the areas Church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth at their state conventions. Any council not under suspension is eligible to enter. Each jurisdiction is responsible for selecting the single best Church, community, council, family, culture of life and youth activity program conducted by an individual council in the 12-month period between the state/provincial conventions.

Each year the top international winners are honored at the Supreme Knight's Awards Session at the annual Supreme Convention.

Entries are judged first and foremost on the effectiveness of the program. The content of the award application itself, however, is extremely important in conveying to the judges just how effective the program was. A few simple pointers can assist your council in producing winning entries and can improve your council's chances of being recognized as having some of the best programs Orderwide.

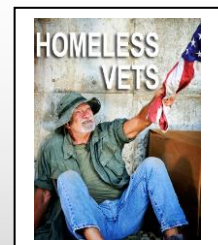
Brother Knight it gives me great pleasure to inform you our Council received the Columbus Award this year. This makes Three years in a row. Keep up the good work that you do.

God Bless

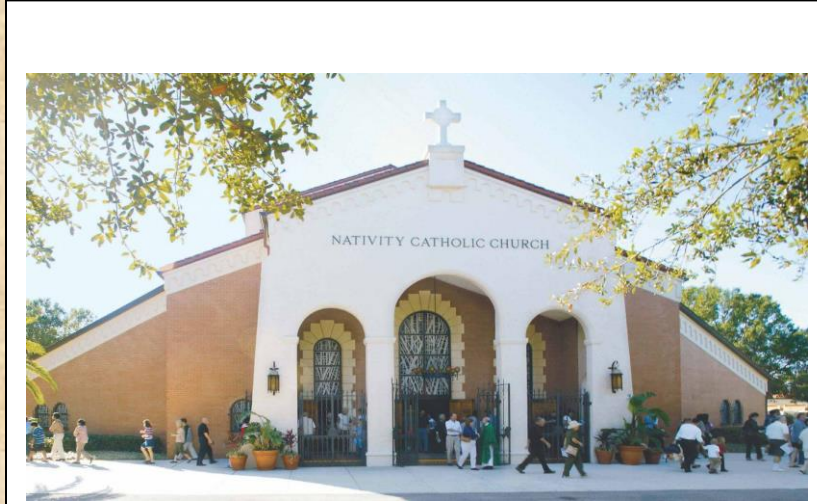
Herbert Swoope



WE NEED YOUR HELP



HELP SUPPORT OUR VETERANS. ALL OUR KNIGHTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A DONATION TO EACH MEETING, SO THAT THIS WILL BECOME A HABIT BEFORE LEAVING THEIR HOMES. DELIVERIES ARE MADE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND ARE USED BY THE NEEDY ALMOST IMMEDIATE. THESE ITEMS ARE A NECESSITY FOR OUR HEROES, WHO RESIDE AT THE VA HOSPITAL AND OUR HOMELESS VETERANS. THE "SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM" THAT OUR KNIGHTS PRESENT TO THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMAN IS A PART OF MAKING THEIR LIVES MORE MEANINGFUL. FELLOW KNIGHTS THERE IS GREAT NEED HERE. WE CAN HELP OTHERS. THIS IS THE REALITY OF OUR TIMES. PLEASE BE GENEROUS TO OUR VETERANS .BRING WHAT YOU CAN TO OUR MEETINGS. WITHOUT YOUR COOPERATION WE CANNOT BE THERE FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN, WHO HAVE SACRIFICED FOR ALL OF US.



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